National Policy for Adivasis

†2090. SHRI UDAY PRAPTAP SINGH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to formulate National Policy for Adivasis (Tribals) for their development and welfare; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the welfare works included in the draft?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has already formulated a draft of a National Tribal Policy covering all important issues that concern tribals, such as Alienation of Tribal Land; Tribal-Forest Interface; Displacement, Rehabilitation & Resettlement; Enhancement of Human Development Index; Creation of Critical Infrastructure; Violent Manifestations; Conservation & Development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PTGs); Adoption of Tribal Sub Plan Strategy; Empowerment; Gender Equity, Enlisting Support of Non-Governmental Organisations; Tribal Culture & Traditional Knowledge; Administration of Tribal Areas; the Regulatory & Protective Regime; Scheduling & De-scheduling of Tribes, etc. The draft policy has been made available to the members of the public through the Ministry's website and copies of the said draft policy have been sent to the Central Ministers, Ministries/Departments of the Government of India, State Governments, UT Administrations, academicians, anthrpotogists, social activists, experts working for the welfare of tribal people and other stakeholders for their comments and suggestions.

Hostels for ST boys/girls

†2091. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal involving rupees 724.00 lakhs for the construction of hostels building for the boys/girls belonging to Scheduled Tribes is pending with Government; and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PR. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs have received proposals for release

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of grants-in-aid for construction of Boys/Girls Hostels from various State Governments. These proposals are for different amounts. A proposal for Rs. 724.00 lakhs was received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh during the financial year 2005-06. This amount has already been released to the State Government.

Shelter for poor women and children

2092. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are meeting the requirement of children, women and poor residents who do not have place and have to rely Government to get the shelter especially during winter in some parts of the country;

(b) if so, the number of measures so far taken for children and women; and

(c) the funds allocated in each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Ministry of Women and Child development is running two Schemes for providing temporary shelter to women in difficult circumstances and destitute women namely, Swadhar Scheme and Short-Stay Home Scheme respectively. However, at present there is no scheme of this Ministry for providing shelter especially during winter to children.

As per the information received from Ministry of Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation, the Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme called Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VANBY) with effect from 2.12.2002, with a view to ameliorating the conditions of urban slum dwellers living below poverty line, who do not possess adequate shelter. For integrated development of Slums through projects for providing shelter, basic services and other related civic amenities with a view to provide utilities to the urban poor in select 63 cities a Sub-Mission on Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP) has been launched as part of the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) on 03.12.2005. In the remaining cities/towns on Integrated Housing & Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) has also been launched along with